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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

- 1 The sixty-ninth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 to 28 July 2000. The first meeting will be convened at the Palais Wilson, United Nations Office at Geneva, on Monday, 10 July 2000 at 10 30 a m.
- 2 In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-ninth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.
- 3 Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.
- 4 The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-ninth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.
- 5 At its sixty-eighth session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its sixty-ninth session. The working group is scheduled to meet at the Palais Wilson from 3 to 7 July 2000.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1 Adoption of the agenda.
- 2 Organizational and other matters.
 - (a) Twelfth meeting of Chairpersons,
 - (b) Preparatory Committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.
- 3 Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
- 4 Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.
- 5 General comments of the Committee.
- 6 Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.
- 7 Follow-up on views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.
- 8 Future meetings of the Committee.
- 9 Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will continue the examination of working methods and update its rules of procedure. The Committee will also consider (a) the recommendations of the twelfth meeting of Chairpersons (5-8 June 2000), which was attended by the Committee's Chairperson, Mrs Cecilia Medina Quiroga, and (b) the report of Committee member, Mr Hipólito Solari Yirigoyen, who represented the Committee at the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination and Related Intolerance (1-5 May 2000).

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-ninth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

<u>State party</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Date received</u>
Croatia	CCPR/C/HRV/99/1	1993	19 November 1999
Uzbekistan	CCPR/C/UZ/99/1	1996	15 September 1999
Czech Republic	CCPR/C/CZE/2000/1	1993	3 March 2000
Monaco	CCPR/C/MCO/99/1	1998	30 December 1999

Second periodic reports

Gabon	CCPR/C/128/Add.1	1998	6 February 1998
Switzerland	CCPR/C/CH/98/2	1998	29 September 1998
Guatemala	CCPR/C/GTM/99/2	1998	6 October 1999

Azerbaijan	CCPR/C/AZE/99/2	1998	8 November 1999
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	CCPR/C/PRK/2000/2	1987	20 March 2000
Syrian Arab Republic	CCPR/C/SYR/2000/2	1984	19 January 2000

Third periodic reports

Trinidad and Tobago	CCPR/C/TRT/99/3*	1990	15 September 1999
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/3/Add.1	1991	10 February 1999
Netherlands	CCPR/C/NET/99/3	1997	10 February 1999
Dominican Republic	CCPR/C/DOM/99/3*	1994	29 September 1999
Argentina	CCPR/C/ARG/98/3	1997	20 July 1998
Venezuela	CCPR/C/VEN/98/3	1998	8 July 1998

Fourth periodic reports

Yugoslavia	CCPR/C/YUG/99/4	1993	5 March 1999
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/4/Add.1	1996	10 February 1999
Peru	CCPR/C/PER/98/4	1998	3 July 1998
Denmark	CCPR/C/DNK/98/4	1998	30 December 1998

* Combined third and fourth reports.

Fifth periodic reports

Ukraine	CCPR/C/UKR/99/5	1999	20 September 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	CCPR/C/UK/99/5	1999	11 October 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Overseas Territories)	CCPR/C/UKOT/99/5	1999	9 December 1999

An addendum to Mexico's fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/123/Add.1), examined during the Committee's sixty-sixth session, was issued under the symbol CCPR/C/123/Add.2. An addendum to Romania's fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/95/Add.7) was issued under the symbol CCPR/C/95/Add.10.

B. Reports due

For the situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant, reference is made to chapter III and annex III of the Committee's 2000 draft annual report to the General Assembly (future A/55/40).

4 Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-ninth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Kyrgyzstan CCPR/C/113/Add.1	Initial	Tuesday, a.m./p.m.	11 July 2000
		Wednesday, a.m.	12 July 2000
Ireland CCPR/C/IRL/98/2	Second	Thursday, p.m.	13 July 2000
		Friday, a.m.	14 July 2000
Kuwait CCPR/C/120/Add.1	Initial	Tuesday, a.m./p.m.	18 July 2000
		Wednesday, a.m.	19 July 2000
Australia CCPR/C/AU/3/98/3 and 4	Third and fourth	Thursday, p.m.	20 July 2000
		Friday, a.m.	21 July 2000

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-ninth session. The Secretary-General has also informed the States parties whose reports are to be examined during the seventieth session in October/November 2000 of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration. These States parties are Argentina, Denmark, Gabon, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uzbekistan.

5. General Comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will continue consideration of the draft general comments on article 4 (states of emergency, derogations) and start discussion on a draft general comment on racism and xenophobia.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and eighty-four communications are pending before the Committee. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in most cases, the Committee's examination of these communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

7. Follow-up on Views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol, consider the Special Rapporteur's reports on her consultations with Missions and decide on appropriate action, including missions to States parties. Discussions under this agenda item are normally held in public meeting.

8. Future meetings of the Committee

The Committee may wish to take decisions under this item on the schedule of its meetings to be held in the remaining of the year 2000 and during the year 2001, including on the possibility and the advantages of extending the length of one or more of its sessions.

9. Annual Report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. By virtue of Economic and Social Council decision 1985/105, the Economic and Social Council¹ authorized the Secretary-General to transmit the annual report directly to the General Assembly. Article 6 of the Optional Protocol¹ provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its Activities under the Optional Protocol.
